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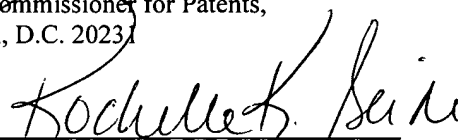
In re Application of : John Hiscott et al.  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 (b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are attached. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

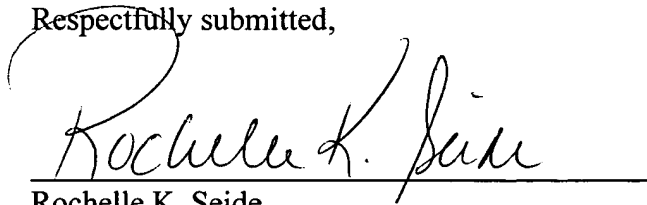
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the payment of any additional fees required in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

Respectfully submitted,

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